

THE DIRT

newsletter from gradex

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GRADEX TEAM CHOSEN TO BID ILLIANA PROJECT

Our team is one of four developer teams from across the country that will compete this summer to design, build, finance, operate and maintain Indiana's portion of the Illiana Corridor and I-65 expansion in Lake County.

The Indiana portion of the Illiana Corridor is a proposed 12-mile freeway that extends from I-65 to the Illinois border.

If awarded, construction would begin late spring/early summer of 2015.

Good luck to the entire Gradex Team!

THE DIRT FROM GRADEX

The Dirt newsletter will begin publication quarterly and will detail various projects and endeavor to keep everyone up-to-date on all the news within the Gradex family. Please feel free to contact your foreman, project manager, or the office if you have any input or suggestions.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Chad Arterburn has been promoted to general superintendent. Chad began his career with Gradex as an assistant project manager and was then promoted to project engineer on the I-69 Washington project.

Mark Wilson and Bryan Egli have joined the project management team.

Mark is a 10-year industry veteran with road and bridge experience and will be working on the US 31 project.

Bryan is coming to us from Evansville and has significant experience in water and wastewater projects.

Please welcome Bryan and Mark when you see them.

Coley Mendenhall started in 1994 as a laborer for Gradex and worked his way up through the ranks becoming a foreman and later an APM. Coley has been promoted to project engineer.

Radlie Storer joined the Gradex family last October as an assistant project manager and has been working on US 31.

Jerad Mendenhall has been with Gradex for 10 years and has been promoted to pipe foreman and will be working on US 40 in Brazil.

Jim Lester has been hired as a new pipe foreman and will be working on the US 31 project.

DIRT Quote: "The Leader's job is not to cover all the bases – it is to see that all the bases are covered." - James Crupi

US 31 CLOSURE TO BEGIN APRIL 4, 2014

INDOT plans to close US 31 between Old Meridian Street and 136th Street to accelerate the construction of an overpass at 126th Street/Carmel Drive and roundabout interchanges at 131st Street/Main Street and 136th Street. Early utility relocations and cleared right-of-way will allow the previously planned closure of US 31 between Old Meridian Street and 136th Street in Carmel to begin on or after April 4, 2014, and is expected to reopen by Thanksgiving.



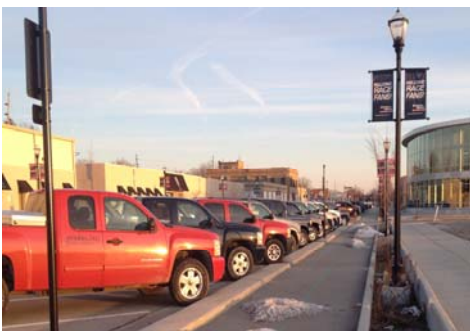
US 31 closure expected to last until Thanksgiving.



Foreman Danny Gahs and operator Blue Southard clearing right-of-way on the Illinois Street Extension project.

SAFETY

Thank you to each and every one of you!! We had a great year for safety in 2013! We couldn't have done that without every one of you working safely. I hope we can keep this trend going in 2014 and have another great year!



Row of Gradex trucks parked outside of Dallara for the 15th annual Gradex Management Meeting.

NEWEST JOBS

IR-35600, US 31, Hamilton Co.

Earthwork 1,150,000 CY
 MSE Backfill 680,000 CY
 Storm 58,800 LF
 Storm Structures 675 EACH

Butler Hyundai

Earthwork 53,000 CY
 Storm 3,500 LF
 Sanitary 900 LF
 Water 1,500 LF

R-31609, US 40, Clay Co.

Earthwork 90,000 CY
 Storm 40,000 LF
 Water 21,000 LF
 Asphalt 54,000 TONS

Illinois Street Extension

Earthwork 50,000 CY
 Storm 16,000 LF

Wal-Mart Center #4053

Earthwork 30,000 CY
 Storm 3,500 LF
 Sanitary 1,350 LF
 Water 1,400 LF

Martin Marietta Carmel

Overburden 51,700 CY

SHOP SPOTLIGHT

As we approach the wet season, please make sure you clean the tracks out on machines at the end of every shift. The benefits of doing so are:

1. Clean equipment helps company image.
2. Prolongs undercarriage/component life.
3. Ensures that the night shift grease crews can access all necessary compartments.

We appreciate your cooperation.



Foreman Jim Lester and operator Travis Koontz setting a box culvert on US 31.

Gradex Trivia: Did you know that Gradex was started 41 years ago by Tom Dapp and has worked in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Colorado?



Operator Randy Certolic on one of the new Cat 336 excavators working on the US 31 project with pipe layer Tom Denning and Superintendent Roland Robinson.